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Resources for Raising Chickens
Learn what’s involved in raising chickens for meat or eggs.

Juneau, Wisconsin – Lately, many Dodge County residents have called the Dodge County UW-Extension office looking for information about raising chickens, selling eggs, what type of licensing is required, and if you buy dirty eggs, can you still eat them?

If you are considering raising chickens, spring is a good time to get started. Chickens can provide you fresh eggs, freezer meals and if they wander your property, can provide low-cost bug control and fertilizer. Chickens are also a good way to teach children about responsibility and other “life lessons”.

UW-Extension (UWEX) has publications to assist Dodge County residents who are considering raising chickens, including “Egg Safety and the Backyard Flock”, available on internet at: http://www.foodsafety.wisc.edu/assets/pdf_Files/Egg_Safety_and_the_Backyard_Flock.pdf This publication’s topics include: Caring for the Flock, Caring for Eggs (including cleaning and storage) and Sharing or Selling Eggs Collected on your Farm. Other chicken publications are available through UWEX’s The Learning Store http://learningstore.uwex.edu/ and can be ordered online or through the Dodge County UWEX office in Juneau.

The University of Wisconsin - Madison, along with UW-Extension, offers poultry information through the Animal Science’s Poultry Department http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/poultry/, including Ron Kean, Poultry Extension Specialist.

Dodge County UW-Extension offers poultry information and opportunities for youth through the 4-H Poultry Project. More information is available through the Dodge County UWEX Web site at: http://dodge.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/poultry/ or contact Dodge County 4-H and Youth Agent Sally Schoenike at 920-386-3790.

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